

# Jesus' Personal Invitation, Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 11:25-30.

B. God came to the earth to save sinners. (Isaiah 45:22; 55:1; Revelation 21:22; John 6:35; 7:31; 8:12; 11)

C. The reason we come to Jesus is that he gives rest. Jesus offers rest.

## II. What rest is. (Hebrews 3:7; Psalm 95)

A. Rest to the Israelites meant the land of Canaan.

B. The people always erred in heart and did not know God's ways--unbelieving people do not enter into God's rest.

C. Rest is salvation.

D. Unbelief keeps a person from rest. We believe unto salvation.

E. Rest.

1. This means no more self-effort.

2. This means peace and freedom from worry.

3. This means to be positionally secure in God.

4. This means to remain confident.

5. This means to depend upon God.

6. This refers to the kingdom.

7. This refers to heaven.

## III. Christ invites all to come despite rejection.

A. All responses, negative and positive, are in line with the sovereign will of God.

B. God is the one who must be praised.

C. The things of the kingdom are only revealed through the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2)

D. Intellectual power is not necessary for salvation, but intellectual pride can keep a person from salvation. (John 12:34)

E. The humble and dependent are those that can enter into salvation. (Psalm 138:6, 1 Corinthians 13:11, Ephesians 4:14, Psalm 32, Matthew 5, Isaiah 57:15)

**Application Questions:**

1. Which picture of rest is most meaningful to you? Explain.

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2. Is intelligence a stumbling block to salvation? Explain.

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3. How can the idea of rest be an effective tool for evangelism? Explain.

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